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The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and has the honour to forward herewith the letter from H.E. Mr. Atageldi HALJANOV, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 9 February 2018, addressed to H.E. Ms. Olga ALGAYEROVA, Executive Secretary of UNECE, regarding the willingness of Turkmenistan to assume the Chairmanship of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) in 2019.

The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) *Geneva*



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKMENISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

Geneva, 09 February 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Turkmenistan confirms its willingness to assume the Chairmanship of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) in 2019.

Turkmenistan believes that SPECA plays an important role as a platform for discussing ways of interaction to regulate current economic challenges, and with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, provide a good chance for the SPECA Region to reach a common understanding when it comes to further steps to enhance the effectiveness in SDG implementation. Turkmenistan, participating in and taking action on a number of events within the framework of the SPECA, clearly demonstrated its desire to promote the consolidation of international and regional cooperation.

In this connection, taking into account the successful experience of the past years in SPECA Chairmanship, Turkmenistan has the aim to express its willingness to Chair in SPECA in 2019, and announce it during the next SPECA events in Kazakhstan later this year for further approval by SPECA Governing Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Atageldi HALJANOV

Her Excellency Mrs. Olga Algayerova Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Geneva

cc: Secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)